**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—There was a discussion with regard to that matter, and we came to an understanding and it was this: After the report was considered, it was decided that after the discussion of the report in the Legislative Council the report should go back to us or at any rate the proposals should come back to us before final orders were passed, so that we might have our say in the matter. It was on that understanding that some of us did not give our dissenting minutes. We thought that it would be waste of labour if we gave our minutes also on the report.

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese** —The understanding was that we should first submit a united report to the Council instead of putting in so many dissenting reports from each Department; we thought that it was better and so the President told us also.

**President.**—I suggested that the dissenting minutes might be added later on.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—So it was thought better not to write a dissenting minute before the report has been considered by the Council.

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—Even if we write our dissenting minutes at the very beginning, it would have to be discussed in Council and various suggestions would have to be added to it. So it would be difficult to reconsider the whole thing before final orders are passed on the report. The report will have to be sent to us for our remarks.

## Management of the Edavanakkkad School.

**138. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—In answer to question No. 7 of the Special Session it is admitted that the management under Mr. M. Narayana Menon of the Edavanakkad School is fairly efficient.

If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether it was at the request of the Muslims or on account of any complaint against the Manager that the management was ordered to be changed;

if, as said in the answer, the school was intended for the Muslims, why was Mr. Narayana Menon appointed at all?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—No change of management was ordered. It was a school under Muslim management that was originally sanctioned, the understanding between the Muslims and Mr. Narayana Menon being that, after one year, the school would be taken under Muslim management.

## Road connecting Nelluwaya and Ponnani roads.

**139. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether petitions have been received from the inhabitants of Varavur, Pulakkad, Thalasseri and other villages for a public road connecting the Nelluwaya and Ponnani roads in the Talappalli Taluk;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to inform the House the number of petitions so submitted, their respective dates and the final orders passed in respect of them;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the public of the Talappalli Taluk have been requesting the Government for the above road even as far back as the year 1069;

(d) whether the Government has made any investigation with respect of the proposed line of road; if so, when and with what result?

**Mr. I. Raman Menon.**—(a) The search so far made has disclosed that no petitions have been received.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

(c) No.

(d) The matter is being investigated.

**Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—The answer given here is that so far no petitions have been received, though the people had been asking for the road from 1069. Here I may state that there were petitions in 1083, 1085, 1091, 1093, 1094 1095, 1099 and 1103. And here it is answered that 'The search so far made has disclosed that no petitions have been received.' Sir, I ask is it not a fact that petitions have been received from 1083 onwards?

**President.**—I suppose those petitions will have been destroyed.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—After 3 years the petitions will be destroyed under the rules.

**Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—Then, Sir, what about the petition in 1103?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—The answer is the search has disclosed none If the Hon'ble Member had given us the month and date of the petition, it would have been very easy for us to find it out.

**Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—May I know how many years' files were searched?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—In cases where no definite information, detailed information, is given, we are very reluctant to go through the various registers.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—May I say one word, Sir? This particular road is one which has been recommended by the Road Committee. You know I was a member of that Committee and I have put it in that.

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**President.**—So this was included as a work in the programme of works of the Road Committee to be taken up by Governmen ?

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Yes. It is called as the Nelluvaya—Thalasseri Road.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—May I know when was it, Sir?

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—In 1091—1092.

**President.**—I know this apart from what is stated about this road in the Road Committee's report. Thirty years ago I had to be at Vadakkancheri for some time. Then the people were requesting Government for such a road. And I also find that in that part of the State there had been no great additions in roads. The thing is they want a cross road connecting the Ponnani road passing through Erumappatti to Veloor with the Kunnamkulam-Mundur road. A trunk road like that will be very useful, *i. e.*, a road connecting the Veloor-Kunnamkulam road with the Vadakancheri-Kunnamkulam road at Nelluvaya extending the same to the north to connect it with the Ponnani road. A trunk road like that will be very useful, for, this road will open up many villages, *i. e.*, Varavoor, Pulakkad, Muringatheri, Kadangod, etc., which are shut up now. I think this is a very necessary road and, therefore, the Department of Public Works will look into the matter shortly. How many miles would it come to in all?

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—It will come to nearly 12 to 13 miles only.

**President.**—I think it will entail very heavy expenditure. It is true there is a *poramboke* footpath; but in some places bridges have to be constructed. It will come to Rs. 50,000.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—It is called as the Nelluvaya—Thalasseri road. It will be a north-to-south road.

**President.**—If we continue that, we can reach the Ponnani road.

**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—Our idea was to have a parallel road along the Bharatha Puzha, a trunk road, which will join the Ponnani road, somewhere between Thalasseri and Ponnani.

**Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.**—That has been the idea for a number of years.

**President.**—In the southern division, we have made very few additions in roads.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—May I know, Sir, which is the Ponnani road?

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**Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.**—The road beginning from the Cheruviruthi Railway Station to Ponnani, or it is called as Desamangalam road.

**President.**—It seems to be a very useful road and as such we might just look into the matter and provide funds for starting the work.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I shall take up the question for starting the work next year.

**President.**—It will open up many villages. Some half a dozen villages have been shut up for want of a road, and if this road is opened, they will be immensely benefited. So that something has to be done. A Special Officer may be deputed to survey the road as early as possible.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I shall do so.

## Certain articles in the 'Pasupatham'.

**140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the leading articles in 'Pasupatham' dated 26th Kanni 1104 in which the paper has transgressed all journalistic gravity and decency and used objectionable language against the Government and the Royal House of Cochin;

(b) if so, what action has the Government taken regarding same?

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—(a) Government have perused the articles.

(b) No information can be furnished as the matter is in its confidential stage.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know why this inordinate delay to take action against the publisher in making such abominable statements—attacks—on the Royal House?

**President.**—I think the articles appeared on 26th Kanni.

**Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.**—What action we are taking cannot be disclosed.

## Cranganur Registry Office

**141. Mr. A. L. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) the total number of documents registered in the Registry Office of Cranganur for the last three years and what rank it occupies in respect of registration work when compared with the registration work of the other offices of the State;

(2) whether the Superintendent of Registration has sent to the Government any report concerning this; and if so, a copy of his report may be placed on the Table?

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